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E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS ET
SUBJ: ELF INCIDENT ON ASSAB ROAD

1. LOCAL OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INFORMED US THAT ELF GRENADED AN AGIP AND A TOTAL TANK TRUCK 35 KM SOUTH OF ASSAB DEC. 22. THESE TWO TANK TRUCKS WERE PROCEEDING EMPTY TO THE ASSAB REFINERY. FOLLOWING THE GRENADING THEY STOPPED AS DID A THIRD FLATBED TRUCK. ELF GOT DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OUT OF STOPPED VEHICLES AND BURNED THEM. A MOBIL TANKER WHICH REACHED THE SCENE AT THAT POINT WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED AND TO TAKE THE PERSONS FROM THE OTHER TRUCKS WHO WERE REPORTEDLY UNHARMED INTO ASSAB. ELF PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED UPON THE OCCASION.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT REUTERS AND AFP ARE CARRYING SOMEWHAT MORE LURID ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT.
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